

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Resettlement And Housing

YESTERDAY'S "policy" speeches by the elected and nominated members of the Urban Council presented the community with a much clearer picture than hitherto of the present-day functions of the Council and served to emphasize its growing responsibilities. The general level of the speeches was good, sober appraisal being allied with constructive suggestions. That several of the members devoted attention to the questions of squatter resettlement and housing was natural inasmuch that the former is one of the chief burdens laid on the shoulders of the Urban Council, and the latter is expected to be brought within its jurisdiction with the formation of the Housing Authority. Attention at the meeting to these subjects was further spotlighted by the presentation of the special sub-committee's report and recommendations on squatter resettlement planning and policy. The report represents an interesting admixture of short and long-term policies, with the endeavour being made to dovetail them in such a manner that they remain complementary. If it is accepted that resettling of the Colony's squatter population is a "must" (and it is difficult to deny the obligation) the sub-committee's recommendations can be regarded as sound and far-seeing. The public will, however, note with mixed feelings that the burden of meeting the financial outlay for the construction of 500 cottages at Ngau Tau Kok, the formation of 670 sites at Reservoir Hill, and the construction of multi-storey resettlement buildings falls on the public purse. On the other hand it must be readily admitted that no practical alternative suggests itself; the Colony is in the position where, if it is to compose the problem of squatter resettlement, it must do so at its own expense.

ON the question of low-cost housing for tenement dwellers, one or two Council members advanced pronounced views and some interesting suggestions. Some emphasis was placed on the need for slum clearance and the desirability of erecting higher buildings on the cleared sites. Mr. R. C. Lee's complaint that the Building Ordinance and the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance were obstructing owners of old and dilapidated buildings from re-developing their property on modern lines would appear to have some justification. Nevertheless it is obvious that thousands of tenement dwellers cannot be dispossessed of their accommodation unless they have alternative premises to move into pending resettlement. Moreover the natural fear with new buildings escaping the restrictions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, rents beyond the means of the original tenants will be imposed. The general principle that Government should give every encouragement to private property owners to provide better tenements for more dwellers is quite acceptable, but the economic interests of the tenants must also be safeguarded by Government. A concrete scheme presented by property owners for slum clearance and re-development, with proposals for ensuring that those who give up their tenements should be allowed to return to the new buildings at economic rentals, would be a helpful contribution at this time and would, we imagine, stimulate Government to make reasonable concessions on the lines indicated by Mr. Lee.

MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST HK PRODUCTS

Mr Grimwood Replies To 2 Allegations And Takes Action On A Third

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

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Complaint No. 2 was from Mr Roy Kemp, British knitted glove manufacturer. He was quoted in a press report as saying that Hongkong manufacturers fulfilled Imperial Preference 25 per cent of the "Empire content" requirement by adding a touch of embroidery or other decoration to gloves imported from Japan.

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Marie Besnard — called the "Black Widow" — seen during her trial at Bordeaux, France, on six murder charges. She was originally charged with poisoning eleven people, but only six are being proceeded with. The trial was postponed two years ago after the defence had claimed that vital evidence had been mishandled. — London Express.

Experts Disagree At Trial

Paris, Mar. 30.

The lawyers for Marie Besnard, on trial at Bordeaux for the alleged poisoning of twelve people, today asked that their client, who had been in prison for the last five years, be granted provisional freedom.

The request, on which the Court will answer tomorrow, came in the third week of one of the most sensational trials in France's legal history.

The Court room seemed transformed into a scientific congress, as France's leading experts on toxicology argued whether or not arsenic found in the remains of Marie Besnard's two husbands, father, mother, mother-in-law, relatives and friends had been poured by the defendant or brought by suburban waters in the country cemetery at Loudon.

The trial saw many claims of the "official" experts, called by the Prosecution, shattered. Among these experts were Prof Fiedelova of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, Prof Rene Fabre, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy of Paris, and Prof Henri Grifon, Director of the Police Laboratory of Toxicology.

Experts called by the Defence claimed that water and bacteria could bring important quantities of arsenic on human remains.

A first trial in 1952, when the accused had been charged with eleven murders, had been adjourned when the Defence

lawyer proved the work of experts had been conducted in a completely unscientific manner.

Counsel for the Defence and the Prosecution are now asking that new experts be appointed to decide on the problems set by the experts called earlier. — France-Press.

Japan States Her Conditions

Tokyo, Mar. 30.

Japan will agree to diplomatic relations with Russia whenever the USSR will recognise the San Francisco Japanese peace treaty, Mr Taketora Ogata, said today.

Answering left-wing questioners in the Upper House, Mr Ogata also said that the United States has not applied any pressure to influence Japanese policy regarding Russia.

Mr Shigeru Hori, Agriculture-Forestry Minister, told the Senate the Japanese fishing industry has suffered severe effects from postwar fishing restrictions in the East China Sea and northern Pacific waters. He said that to date a total of 54 Japanese fishing boats had been seized by the Soviet authorities in coastal waters near Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.

Mr Hori said that Japanese-Soviet diplomatic relations are essential to settle the outstanding issues between the two countries. — United Press.

Putting Curb On Lawlessness

Singapore, Mar. 30.

Two hundred and twenty suspected gangsters have been detained by the police since the beginning of the month in the drive by a special branch of the Criminal Investigation Department to stamp out secret societies in Singapore.

And as a result secret society activities have dropped practically to nothing in the past 10 days. There were no more dances, no more gambling, no more meetings, no more group photographs, no more letters. There were only a few cases of extortion. — United Press.

East-West Trade Expansion Agreement

London, Mar. 30.

Britain, France and the United States today agreed to an increased number of categories and maximum quantities of goods they are now prepared to see exported to Europe's Communist nations.

These included certain types of machines, tools and petroleum products, diplomatic sources said.

The three powers announced at the end of a two-day meeting here "a wide area of agreement" which would provide a basis for encouraging an expansion of East-West trade.

The communiqué said existing controls on trade with Communist China and North Korea "should be continued."

The Ministers leading the three delegations agreed only on the broad headings of the revised list. It is understood. Officials will remain to draw up the regions, item by item, in time for a meeting in Paris on April 3 of all 15 nations which co-ordinate the embargo on the export of strategic goods to the Communist states.

The communiqué made a reference to this meeting by stating that today's agreement would "in close co-operation with other friendly countries, permit a relaxation of existing controls to encourage an expansion of trade compatible with security requirements."

The Paris group, with whom the next negotiations will be held, consists of the Atlantic Pact nations, West Germany and Japan. "Object of these discussions should be to refine these control arrangements by narrowing substantially their scope and increasing their effectiveness."

RIFT AVERTED

Today's agreement averts what once threatened to cause a serious political rift between the United States and her European allies. Under the "Euler Act" passed by Congress in 1951, President Eisenhower is bound to cut off aid to countries selling strategic goods to the Communists unless he thinks it would be in America's interests to allow the trade.

Britain called a conference after President Eisenhower expressed misgivings about Sir Winston Churchill's call for a substantial relaxation of the trade ban.

The President's foreign aid chief, Mr. Harold Stassen, to bridge the wide gap between the British and American views. Mr Stassen, who led the American delegation to the two-day meeting, flew back to Washington tonight.

M. Maurice Schumann, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, represented France. He was also returning to the capital tonight.

Mr Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, headed the British team.

DIVIDING LINES

Mr Stassen told reporters before leaving London airport: "I want to make it absolutely clear that we have no objection at all about trade in peaceful goods with Russia. We wish to encourage as much of that trade as we can."

In a reference to the tripartite communiqué issued after the London conference, he said: "There is a dividing line between so-called consumer goods and goods that could be used for military purposes."

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Egyptian Crisis

Students Denounce Council

Cairo, Mar. 30.

Thousands of demonstrating Egyptian students denounced the Revolution Council — which yesterday went back on its decision to end military rule in July — in the big quadrangle of Cairo University here today.

Strong police forces stood by outside but there were no disturbances.

Troops and police were still on the alert after four days of crisis, in which Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, 38-year-old Deputy Premier, succeeded in postponing President Mohamed Naguib's plan for an early return to Parliamentary government.

But the thousands of strikers who helped force General Naguib's hand were back at work. Public transport, paralysed during the latest Egyptian upheaval, was again running normally.

Colonel Nasser today visited General Naguib, who collapsed yesterday, soon before it became clear he had lost his fight to end military rule.

The Revolution Council, reversing its earlier decision, postponed a return to Parliamentary life until 1956.

General Naguib — still President and Prime Minister — is reported to be steadily improving.

AVOIDS QUESTION

Colonel Nasser, at a press conference today, sidestepped questions about Egypt's plans for resuming talks with Britain on the future of the Suez Canal zone.

The Deputy Premier told a questioner that Egypt at present was concerned with internal affairs and would deal with foreign policy later. He did not elaborate.

Colonel Nasser said a new Arabic evening paper, reflecting the views of the Government-sponsored Liberation Rally, would appear soon.

It will be called Al Ahrar (The Free) and will supplement the morning paper, Al Gumihour (The Republic) and the weekly, Al Tahrik (Liberation).

President Naguib was well enough tonight to drive to the house of the Supreme Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, Dr Hassan Hodeibi.

It was their first meeting since Dr Hodeibi was released from internment last week.

Dr Hodeibi later addressed a meeting of his supporters. — Reuters.

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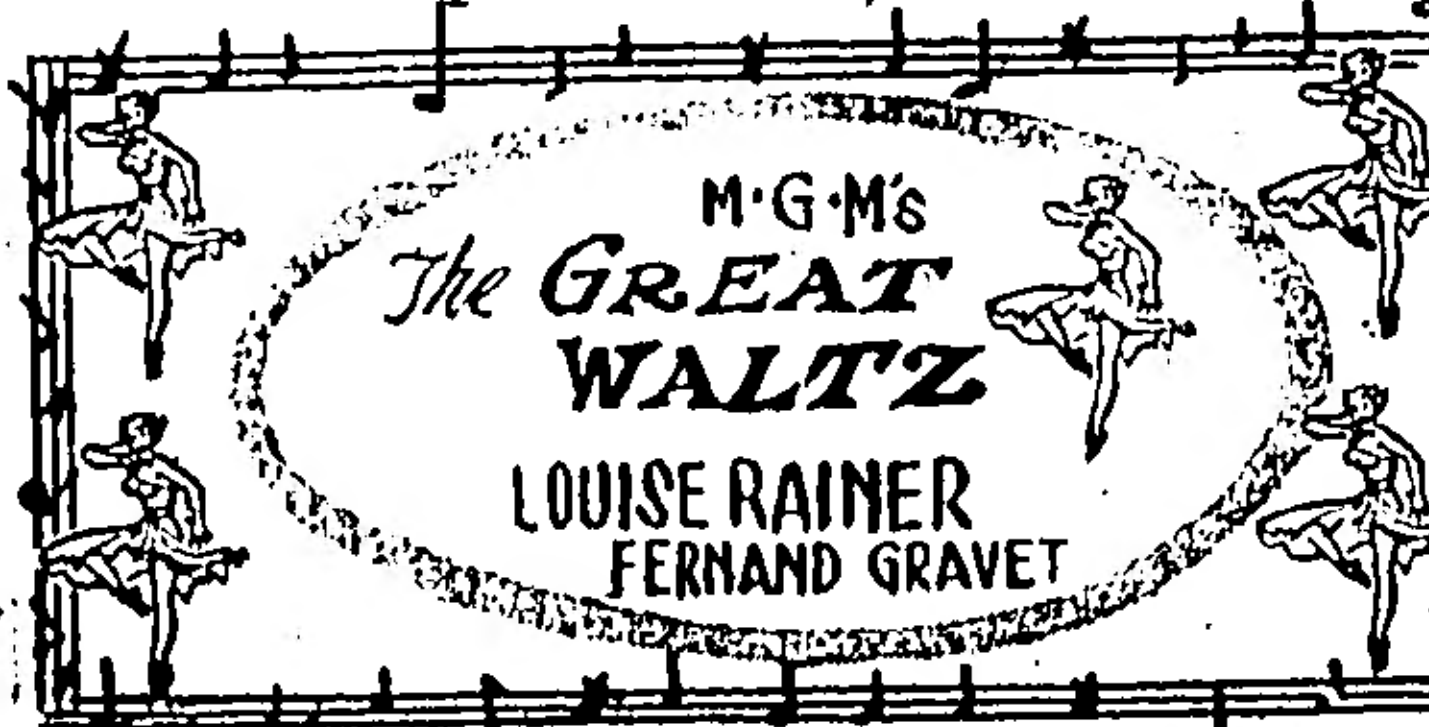
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French Newspapers Speculate:

WILL US TROOPS GO TO
INDO-CHINA?Interpretations Of
Mr Dulles's
New York Speech

Paris, Mar. 30.

French newspapers today speculated that if the Geneva Conference does not produce a satisfactory agreement on the conclusion of hostilities in Indo-China, the American Government may intervene in the conflict by sending troops.

These were the interpretations of newspapers of the speech delivered last night by the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

However Mr Dulles' speech was regarded in official quarters in Paris as a redefinition of American policy in the Far East rather than the revelation of any new aims.

The French Foreign Office said it considered the speech a most important declaration. The United States had never before expressed so clearly its interest in the outcome of the Indo-China war and its concern over the Communist menace in Asia, a Foreign Office source said.

The Foreign Office said it had been informed in advance of the broad lines of the speech but had not been asked for any opinion.

One well informed source said Mr Dulles' speech should "put an end to speculation that the United States is going to give anything away to the Chinese Communist in Geneva".

There was general agreement in Paris that the policy statement definitely limited the area of negotiation at Geneva but the Foreign Office said it did not consider that the Secretary had "torpedoed" the Asia conference.

TWO MAIN POINTS

Diplomatic circles suggested the two main points to be drawn from Mr Dulles' declaration were:

1. Proof of the ever increasing importance which the American people attach to the South-East Asia questions.

2. An affirmation of the desire—already expressed by Washington—to prevent any important positions in this area from falling under the domination of the Communists, whether they be Chinese or other nationality.

Apart from Government offices, the speech appears to have had little impact on general political circles.

INTERVENTION

The press on the other hand is full of speculation particularly on lines that if Geneva produces no agreement the United States may be ready to step in with troops.

The independent financial evening newspaper L'Information quoting sources in Washington said: "It cannot be excluded that the Secretary judged it opportune to prepare American public opinion which is hostile for the moment to any intervention in Indo-China for important decisions which may be taken by the Pentagon."

L'Information said Mr Dulles' reference to "united action" was an allusion to "the possibility of internationalising the Indo-China conflict."

The independent Le Monde said the speech would "throw cold water on the hopes exhibited recently in Paris that the United States would pay the Chinese Communists a price to induce them to abandon the Vietnams." It said that before the Geneva Conference the Americans should reply to this question from France: "Either assure us relief by sending troops or you help us to negotiate."—Reuter.

NEW POLICY

Ottawa, Mar. 30.
Canada was not consulted by the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, before his speech calling for "united action" in Indo-China, but did expect to be, the External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, told the Commons today.

Mr Pearson said Canada would expect to be consulted before the United States announced any new policy in which it expected Canadian co-operation. The Minister said that Mr Dulles' speech, which was delivered in New York last night, did not mention any new policy.

Wall Street
Brokers
"On Wheels"

New York, Mar. 30.

The world's largest brokerage firm announced today it will put Wall Street on wheels.

Winthrop H. Smith, managing partner of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, said the firm has turned three custom-built buses into completely equipped brokerage offices. The buses are designed to bring the firm's full facilities "to the doorstep" of thousands of investors in 15 outlying communities around Chicago, Boston and Newark, New Jersey.

Mr Smith said the new mobile offices will make investing more convenient. "Putting brokerage offices on wheels seems particularly timely now," he said, "because of the great interest in the New York Stock Exchange's new monthly investment plan, which enables investors to buy stocks for as little as \$40 every three months."—United Press.

CZECHS CUT
PRICES
OF FOOD

Vienna, Mar. 30.

The Czechoslovak Government has decreed a general price reduction on food and current consumer products effective April 1, Radio Prague announced tonight.

The announcement said the reduction, the third since 1948, when the Communists came to power, "was the result of a decision by the Government and the Central Committee of the Czech Communist Party" which held separate meetings yesterday. The latest reduction took place on September 28, 1953.

The new measure involves a reduction on prices of food products ranging from eight to 25 per cent. The Radio further announced that effective April 1, the sale of gold and silver jewellery products would be authorised.

The Radio quoted a speech by the Czech Prime Minister, Herr Vilam Siroky, saying that the new price reduction would raise substantially the people's standard of living in accordance with the policy proclaimed by the Czech Communist Government since its policy declaration of September 15 last year.—France-Press.

New Way Of Bandaging



An entirely revolutionary method of bandaging—with the aid of "Tubegaus", a seamless tubular gauze bandage, is demonstrated at the Scholl Central Training School, London. The circular bandage is applied with the aid of an applicator—which in the case of fingers is like a metal fingerstall which is slipped over the finger—and the tubegaus pulled on to the base of the finger. The applicator is then withdrawn allowing the tubegaus to come away and cover the finger. For arms, legs, or the head (as seen here), a form of cage in different sizes have been invented. This circular cage can be slipped over an arm or leg, passed to and fro over the wound, applying the bandage quickly and neatly. — Express Photo.

"No Desperadoes And
Triggermen
In UN"—Says Lodge

United Nations, Mar. 30.

The United States Ambassador, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., said today that agreements with the United Nations did not contemplate admission to the United States of "desperadoes and triggermen" to attend meetings of the world organisation.

Mr Lodge's declaration, made at the opening of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, touched off a sharp exchange with Russian and Czech delegates.

Mr Lodge asked for the floor to "kill once and for all the false propaganda" that the United States has prevented attendance of accredited representatives at United Nations meetings by refusing to issue visas.

Of four cases in question, he said, visas had been granted to three persons. The fourth person, Iraq Eskandary, an Iranian seeking admission to represent the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions, had been refused admission for "reasons of national security," Mr Lodge said.

"The salient facts of Eskandary's notorious record explains the situation fully," Mr Lodge said. "Eskandary was sentenced to death for participation in a conspiracy to murder the Shah of Iran, and he is accordingly a fugitive from justice. He also has been expelled from France."

"NOMINATED BY USSR"
"I am certain that no Government—and I particularly include the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia—would expect the United States to permit him to come to New York, no matter what his purported business or alleged purpose."

East-West Trade
Talks Deferred

New York, Mar. 30.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council today deferred a Soviet bid to give priority of discussion to the issue of East-West trade.

It approved instead a British proposal, supported by the United States, to postpone consideration of the question until the summer session of the Council in Geneva.—Reuter.

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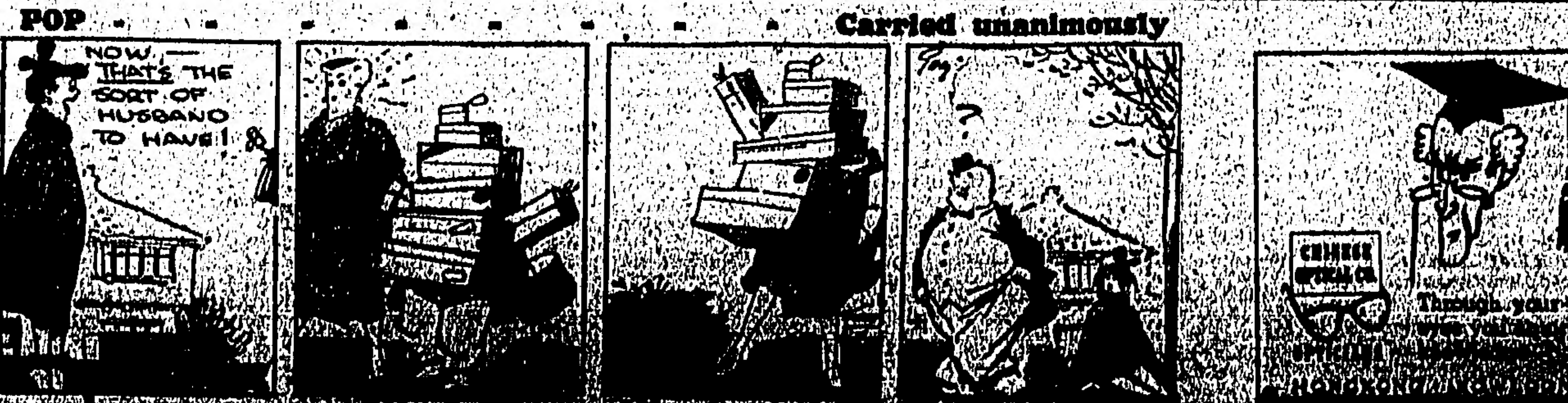
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Object Of Present Tests At Bikini Atoll

ATTEMPTS TO OVERCOME THREAT OF RUSSIAN ATOMIC ATTACKS

Washington sources said yesterday it seemed certain the purpose of the H-Bomb explosions earlier this month at Bikini Atoll and other tests next month was to perfect "a family of hydrogen weapons ranging upwards in power from around the equivalent of one million tons of TNT."

Possible reasons for this were found in a statement by the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee who said Russia now had at least 1,000 long range bombers capable of atom-bombing or perhaps even hydrogen-bombing the United States.

Another source, unnamed, said in Washington America had little if any technological lead in the field of hydrogen weapons and they were relatively easy to make.

But in Paris the NATO Supreme Commander General Alfred Gruenther said yesterday the West could defeat Soviet Russia even if the Russians dropped a hydrogen bomb first.

Washington, Mar. 30. Official sources hinted today that the two H-bomb tests in the Pacific this month established that it can be made both simpler and cheaper than had been supposed.

One source, who asked not to be identified, said that one of the explosions employed a method of triggering and an unnamed material used by the Russians in their test H-bomb explosion last August.

This apparently was the March 1 explosion whose power astonished atomic weaponers and frightened much of the world.

Another source said the United States had little if any technological lead in the field of hydrogen weapons. He said they were relatively easy to make.

By 1960, he said, it was possible that nations like France, for example, may possess H-bombs.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, just back from the Pacific, called at the White House presumably to brief President Eisenhower on the giant explosions of March 1 and March 28.

Some sources expected that either the President or Mr. Strauss later on would issue a fuller statement on the United States' nuclear weapons programme and, particularly, on the Pacific tests now going on.

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In disclosing the second test of the current series at the Eniwetok - Bikini proving ground, the Atomic Energy Commission made it clear it intends to go ahead with the experiments despite criticism in both Europe and Asia.

The announcement of Friday's successful test was delayed until it was certain that no one had suffered radio-active ash burns like those experienced by some Japanese fishermen after the March 1 explosion.

By the time the announcement was made, the cloud blown into the upper air by Friday's explosion presumably was many hundreds of miles away and too thoroughly diffused to be a hazard to anyone.

Friday's was at least the fourth hydrogen explosion in world history. The United States had detonated two previously, the first in November, 1952, and Russia at least one. At least 50 nuclear blasts now have been set off, all but nine by the United States.

Mr. Strauss revealed in yesterday's announcement that before the Friday test, planes "carefully searched" the vast "proscribed hazard area" to make sure that there would be no accidental incidents like those of March 1.

1,000 BOMBERS
The Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee Mr. Dewey Short, said today Russia now has "at least 1,000 long range bombers capable of delivering atomic bombs... on the continental United States."

Writing in the current issue of the trade publication "Planes," he said the Red planes also could deliver "thermonuclear devices which they may possess." That is the term used by United States officials for hydrogen bombs.

"The latest reports from behind the Iron Curtain indicate that the masters of the Kremlin are focusing increasing attention on the development of late-model, long-range strategic bombers," he said.

Mr. Short said Russia now has "40,000 military aircraft, compared with a strength of about 30,000 for the United States today."

Mr. Short urged the development of a "national air policy" by Congress and the Administration. He said that "tremendous economies" were possible by use of "consistent programming of aircraft production."

General Gruenther said he knew of no substitute solution for German rearmament within the European Army treaty. "The German contribution to Western defence can be achieved perfectly within the EDC. We have no other plans no matter whether it is the best solution," he said.

Marshal Juin, who is Allied Central European sector Commander, called the treaty unworkable last week-end, and was summoned on Wednesday by Premier Joseph Laniel to give an explanation of his blunt remark.

General Gruenther's remarks were considered as aimed at the outspoken Marshal who earlier supported EDC.

The General was asked about European defence against hydrogen-bomb effects.

MOST IMPORTANT THING
He said the "most important thing is to prevent a bomb from being dropped."

"Once it hits our troops, or cities, the situation would be extremely serious. But we, too, have a considerable destructive capacity."

And if an all-out attack were launched against us, our bombing possibilities in retaliation would top by far that of our enemy."

General Gruenther said that Russia had no reply to the United States B-47 atomic bomber. The Russians have the TU-4, a copy of the United States B-29, "which we consider as outdated."

"The TU-4 could, of course, reach the United States and deliver an atomic bomb but its radius is too small to return to its base. Naturally enough the raid would mean that the enemy lost a plane," he said.

General Gruenther said the Russians were rushing work on a series of A-bomber prototypes and that within a few years they may have planes as good as or even better than the B-47.

Paris, Mar. 30. Radio Djakarta's Arabic service reported in Paris today that a major fire broke out early this morning in the office of the British information office in Djakarta.

A Pedicure Before The Easter Parade



The Duke Lifts Gothic Embargo For A 20-Year Old Girl

Perth, Mar. 31.

A small group of Australians will be allowed on the strongly guarded wharf alongside the Gothic today because of a letter which a 20-year-old girl wrote to the Duke of Edinburgh.

The girl, Elaine Williams of the Perth suburb of Hamilton, asked his permission to enter the wharf area to see her uncle, a member of the Gothic's crew.

Because of the anti-polio precautions the uncle is confined to the ship and unable to come ashore.

A spokesman for the Gothic's agents said Captain A. Alchison had told them he had been instructed to order the issue of a wharf pass for the Williams family subject to approval by the security police.

Mrs. Williams said she understood the Duke had seen the letter and recommended that Elaine's request be granted.

Today the Royal couple will eat their first meal in a private home in Western Australia, but the food will be brought from the Gothic and the Royal guests will be segregated from their hosts because of polio precautions.

They will eat at the luxury farm of a West Australian stockbreeder, Mr. William Burges, and his wife.

Food will be brought from the Royal yacht in a refrigerated van.

The Queen and the Duke lunched in the air on food from the Gothic during their flight to country centres yesterday.

FREE FROM HITCHES
A report to the Australian Government on the tour is expected to show that it has been remarkably free from hitches of any kind.

But it is also expected to recommend that after the first and major tour of Australia future Royal visits should be restricted largely to capital cities, while trips to the country should be semi-private.

At the Lord Mayor's ball last night the Queen did not dance but smiled happily at the scene. A 6,000 square foot dance floor had been built on the university lawns among floodlit poplar trees.

The guests did not stand and stare at the Queen instead of dancing as at other functions of the Australian tour. As soon as the music struck up, they moved away from the Royal dais and began to dance.

The emphasis was on informality. Many of the 1,100 guests were under 30 and the band played up-to-the-minute dance tunes as well as traditional waltzes.

Black Blizzards Make Noon Like Midnight
The worst drought conditions in two decades, accompanied by great dust storms, have turned vast areas of mid-west and south-west America into a desert, according to reports from America.

A return to the dust-bowl disaster of the Thirties is feared. Thousands of farmers already have been forced to retreat from their barren lands to the cities.

A "black-blizzard" dust storm hundreds of miles across and two miles high recently swept over the entire mid-west from Nebraska to the Mexican border.

Thousands of thousands of people were forced during the storm to remain indoors. Housewives plastered tape into door and window cracks to prevent the choking dust from penetrating their homes.

In Amarillo, Texas, a resident told a New York Times reporter that "the air is so thick with dust that you can't see your hand in front of your face."

The Agricultural Department pointed out that only landowners in the past 10 years had planted trees around their farms to prevent an erosion.

Paul Swisher, Colorado State Commissioner of Agriculture, reported that 70 percent of the wheat crop in eight Colorado counties is a total loss.

"Damage to the land by erosion, wind-blown dust, and thousands of miles of fences are covered or blown out. Many cattle are wandering aimlessly over the desolate landscape, blinded by dust."

Complete blackouts were reported in several areas.

Russia Has "Home Guard" Recruiting Trouble

Moscow, Mar. 30.

Thousands of Russians are being trained in a part-time "home guard", but more volunteers are needed.

The Soviet "home guard" is known as DOSAAF, the Voluntary Society for Assistance to the Armed Forces. According to the Army newspaper, "Red Star", it is "many millions strong."

But Lieutenant-General N. F. Gritchin, Chairman of DOSAAF, is not satisfied.

Writing in "Red Star", he said that there are still many defects in the activity of the Society which impede the further development of defence work among the population of our country. The progress achieved cannot satisfy us.

"Thousands of car drivers, tractor drivers, motor-cyclists and other specialists have been trained without leaving off production."

"Many thousands of DOSAAF members have learned to shoot accurately, to sail boats and fly gliders, to parachute and use radio techniques and means of anti-aircraft and anti-submarine defence."

NOT SATISFACTORY

"Wide development has been given in the Society to shooting, flying, motor-cycling and other forms of applied military sports, amateur radio and modelling aeroplanes and ships."

But, he added, in spite of continuous growth, "it cannot be said that the increase in the number of members of the Society is going on satisfactorily everywhere."

DOSAIF groups are organised in factories, offices, schools, residential blocks and collective farms. A key task for the organisation, according to General Gritchin, is the training of youths before they are called-up for two-year's service with the armed forces. — China Mail Special.

US Playwright Refused A Passport

Washington, Mar. 30.

The U.S. State Department announced today it had refused to grant a passport to the American playwright, Mr. Arthur Miller, who had planned to go to Brussels for the opening of his play "The Crucible", or known as "The Witch's Hat" in the French version.

A State Department spokesman said Mr. Miller had requested a passport on March 2.

The application was turned down under regulations providing for refusal of passports to persons suspected of supporting the Communist movement, whether or not these persons were Communist Party members.

The passport application was refused on March 5.

Questioned at his residence in New Milford, Connecticut, Mr. Miller said he supported no Communist movement.

When the passport was refused, he was told by the authorities that the time required to study his application was insufficient in view of the date he wanted to leave the United States. — France-Press.

Australia Has A Killer Jellyfish

Sydney, Mar. 30.

A jellyfish found in Northern Australian waters is considered to be the deadliest creature in the world by Frank McNeill, marine zoologist here.

Mr. McNeill believes that the floating tentacle jellyfish which stung and killed eight-year-old Clarke Currow at Darwin recently was a Cubamedusa jellyfish, also known as a sea wasp.

Clark was standing in shallow water when the creature drifted against him and wrapped its long wavy streamer about him. The child ran screaming to the beach, collapsed and died within a few minutes.

"The Cubamedusa is deadlier than the most poisonous snake," McNeill said, "and has caused death in less than three minutes."

He added, "More than 12 people have been killed by Cubamedusa stings in Northern Australian waters. It is common only in tropical waters, but it has appeared off the Queensland coast."

"The Cubamedusa is about the size of a man's hand, with tentacles between two and four feet long." — United Press.

Nutrition College To Be Formed

Bombay, Mar. 30.

A college of nutrition and catering, the first of its kind in Asia, is to be established in Bombay by the All-India Women's Food Council.

The college is expected to start functioning from next June. It will give both theoretical and practical training regarding food and dietetics and will include a laboratory for practical demonstrations.

The comprehensive syllabus includes such subjects as health and hygiene, accounts, correspondence, purchases and storage. — Reuters.

End To Karen Revolt Predicted

Rangoon, Mar. 30.

A high-ranking Burmese officer today predicted an early end of the Karen rebellion in the Tenasserim area in south-east Burma.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tun Sein, the commander of the fifth infantry brigade, said his troops now occupied key points around Khawshon, the only rice bowl available to the Karens in that area.

He added that he had ordered his troops not to advance nearer than five miles from the border between Siam and Burma in order to avoid any possible incidents. — France-Press.

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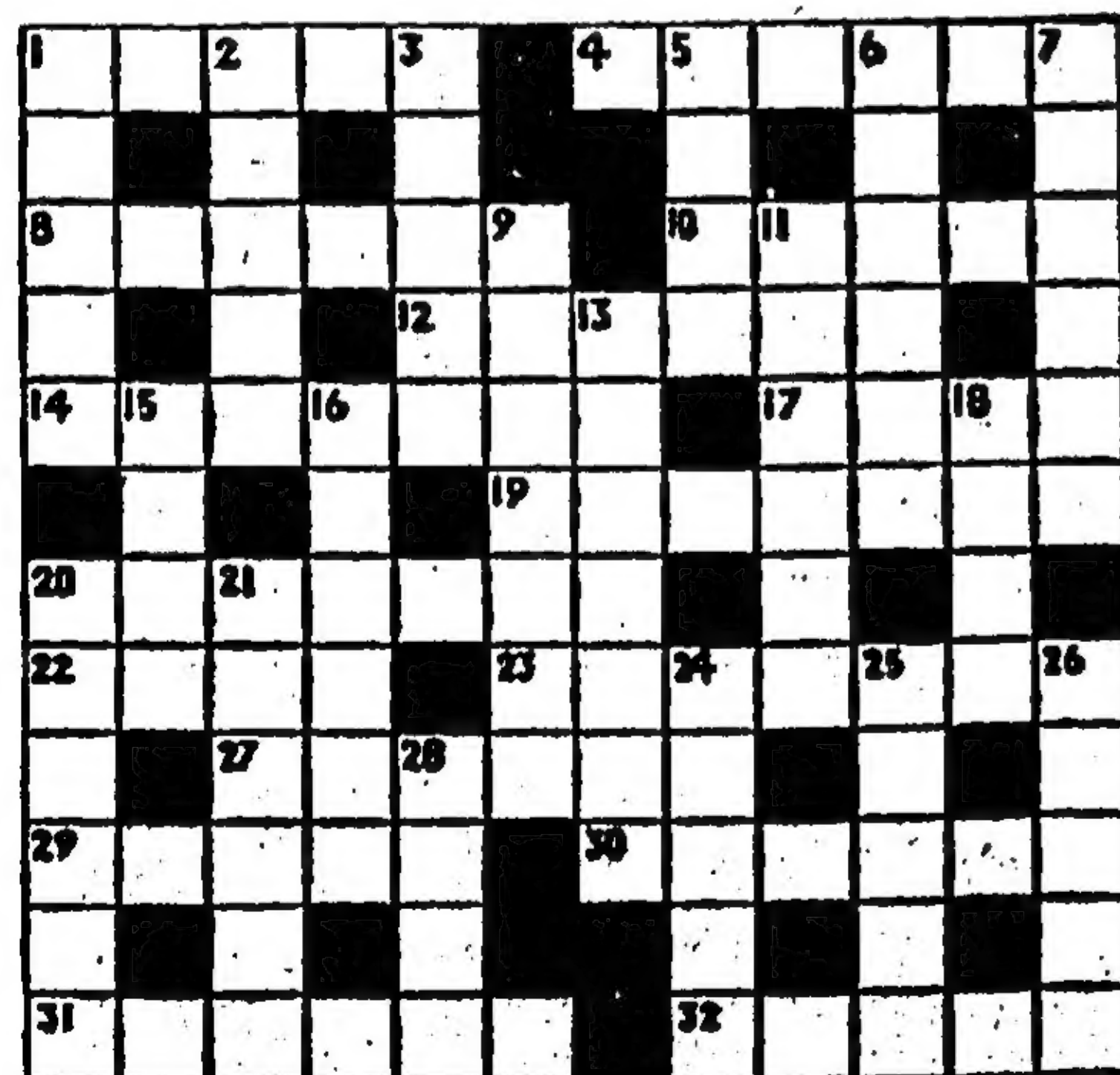
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Fertile spot (5).
4 Kind of bullet (6).
8 Banishes (6).
10 Drug (5).
12 Blush (6).
14 Slideways (7).
15 Fewer (4).
16 Accompanies (7).
20 Go down (7).
22 Extent (4).
23 Commissions (7).
27 Nap (6).
28 Cook (5).
30 Scant (5).
31 More profound (6).
32 Garb (5).

DOWN
1 Musical work (5).
2 Rod (5).
3 Severe (5).
5 Measure of land (4).
6 Counterfitter (6).
7 Negligent (6).
9 Withdraws from (7).
11 Basque game (6).
13 Abandons (7).
15 Bitter (4).
16 Attack (6).
18 Collar-fastener (4).
20 Drooped (6).
21 Near to (6).
24 Swift (5).
26 Tent (5).
28 Cask off (5).
29 Besides (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Amateurs, 8 Heap, 9 Dominant, 11 Corporal, 13 Compete, 16 Despairs, 19 Test, 21 Miracles, 24 Tormentor, 26 Master, 27 Register, Down: 1 Chain, 2 Pain, 4 Inconceivable, 5 Tally, 6 Unwise, 7 Black, 9 Doped, 10 Mateo, 12 Opaque, 14 Carve, 16 Unkind, 17 Spear, 19 Tutor, 20 Baffle, 21 Man, 22 Role, 23 Lead, 24 Soap.

Nathaniel Gubbins

IN the belief that the frustrated man of the mid-20th century needs a new drug to escape from reality into an artificial paradise Aldous Huxley has been experimenting with mescaline, the stuff Red Indians said cheerily with before they got at the fire-water.

He tried it out as a substitute for alcohol, or, to quote from his new book, "The Doors of Perception," as a drug "which would more nearly approach the ideal than the wine-bibbling past and the whisky drinking present."

According to him some of the advantages of mescaline over alcohol are the absence of hangovers and the fact that the drug does not drive the taker into the kind of uninhibited action which results in brawls, crimes of violence, and traffic accidents.

In other words, when you are full of mescaline you don't insult anybody, poke anybody on the nose, or fall under a bus; and you feel fine in the morning.

But some of his experiences under the influence of the Red Indian tippie do not seem quite so jolly as common experiences under the influence of alcohol.

He became aware of "a slow dance of golden lights and sumptuous red surfaces swelling and expanding." The folds of his grey flannel trousers "became passionately important" to him, and he thought the four bamboo legs of a chair were "affodils."

All the same he had the advantage over unfortunate chaps who can't leave a bottle of Scotch alone, or "at no time did he see the faces or forms of men or strange animals."

For my money the nicest thing about mescaline is that it makes everything seem unimportant. When you have had a shot of it you can see no reason for doing anything in particular, or caring what other people do—as if you had been born into the old English aristocracy.

Although I have always thought that this is the correct attitude of mind, I have never been able to achieve it. But

when I take to mescaline I shall feel like Marie ("Let them eat cake") Antoinette; and when people ask me: "What do you think about time?" I shall give them Mr Huxley's mescaline inspired happy-wacky answer to the same question.

I shall say: "There seems plenty of it."

DIALLING TUM

Hullo. Is that my stomach? Your stomach speaking.

No more Scotch will be coming down.

Oh, good.

I'm sending down mescaline instead.

Mescaline?

It's a new drug. But it won't upset you at all.

How do you know it won't?

I have been reading about somebody who tried it. His stomach didn't mind.

Perhaps he had a stronger stomach.

His liver didn't care either. All three felt terribly fit the next morning.

I'm glad to hear it. I shall be seeing the slow dance of golden lights and sumptuous red surfaces swelling and expanding.

Pardon?

Do you mind repeating that? I said I shall be seeing the slow dance of golden lights and sumptuous red surfaces swelling and expanding.

How very interesting. What do you think that will be?

Perhaps a large matron in red evening dress with nippers and an illuminated bosom.

Really.

All the chair legs will turn into affodils.

Have you been overworking lately?

After one go of mescaline I shan't do any more work.

How shall we live then?

I don't know and won't care. Nothing will matter to me but the folds in my flannel trousers. Don't you think you ought to see a doctor?

Time won't matter to me any more.

You don't mean meal times?

There won't be any meal times. Nothing but mescaline will come down.

I say this is carrying a joke too far.

Good-bye, Tum.

Don't hang up on me.

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Do be reasonable.

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He said: "Fifty-eight seconds to go. Shall I call a cab?"

She said: "If I go I shall never come back. Never, never, never."

He said: "Goody, goody, goody. I can have a bridge party every night."

World Strategists

I THINK you'll have to admit now, old man, that the Berlin conference is a flop.

I don't admit anything of the kind, old man. You can't say that until they've all packed up and gone home.

After Molotov's proposals that's all they can do, old man.

What were Molotov's proposals, old man?

I suppose you read the papers?

Of course I did, old man. I was just wondering if you had read them. I suppose you must have noticed that Molotov offered a 50-year security treaty to include all European countries?

Naturally, old man. But who's going to take any notice of a Russian guarantee of security?

If you had no intention of taking any notice of Russian guarantees why have a conference at all, old man?

I didn't arrange the conference, old man.

Nobody said you did, old man. But you will have to make up your mind whether you're against the proposal on political grounds or against it because you can't accept Russia's word.

Nobody accepts Russia's word, old man.

If it comes to that I don't suppose Russia would accept ours.

Which brings me back to my original argument that the conference is a flop. What's the use of offering guarantees if neither side trusts the other?

Well, old man, if you knew more about international politics you would know that each side has to show its people that it has tried reasonable proposals for the peace and failed. Then each side can accuse the other of warmongering.

Are you suggesting that's the only reason for the conference, old man?

Perhaps not the only reason. There is always the hope that there will be common ground for agreement on some points.

When Communism and capitalism are incompatible and their differences can only be resolved by war?

Don't you think that's rather a defeatist argument, old man?

No, old man. I just happen to be a realist rather than an optimist burying his head in the sand.

I suppose you know that your policy would lead inevitably to world war, old man?

I don't know anything of the kind, old man. But I prefer to face facts rather than live in cloud cuckoo land.

I'm not accustomed to being called either a cuckoo or an optimist, old man.

Nobody was calling you a cuckoo or an optimist, old man.

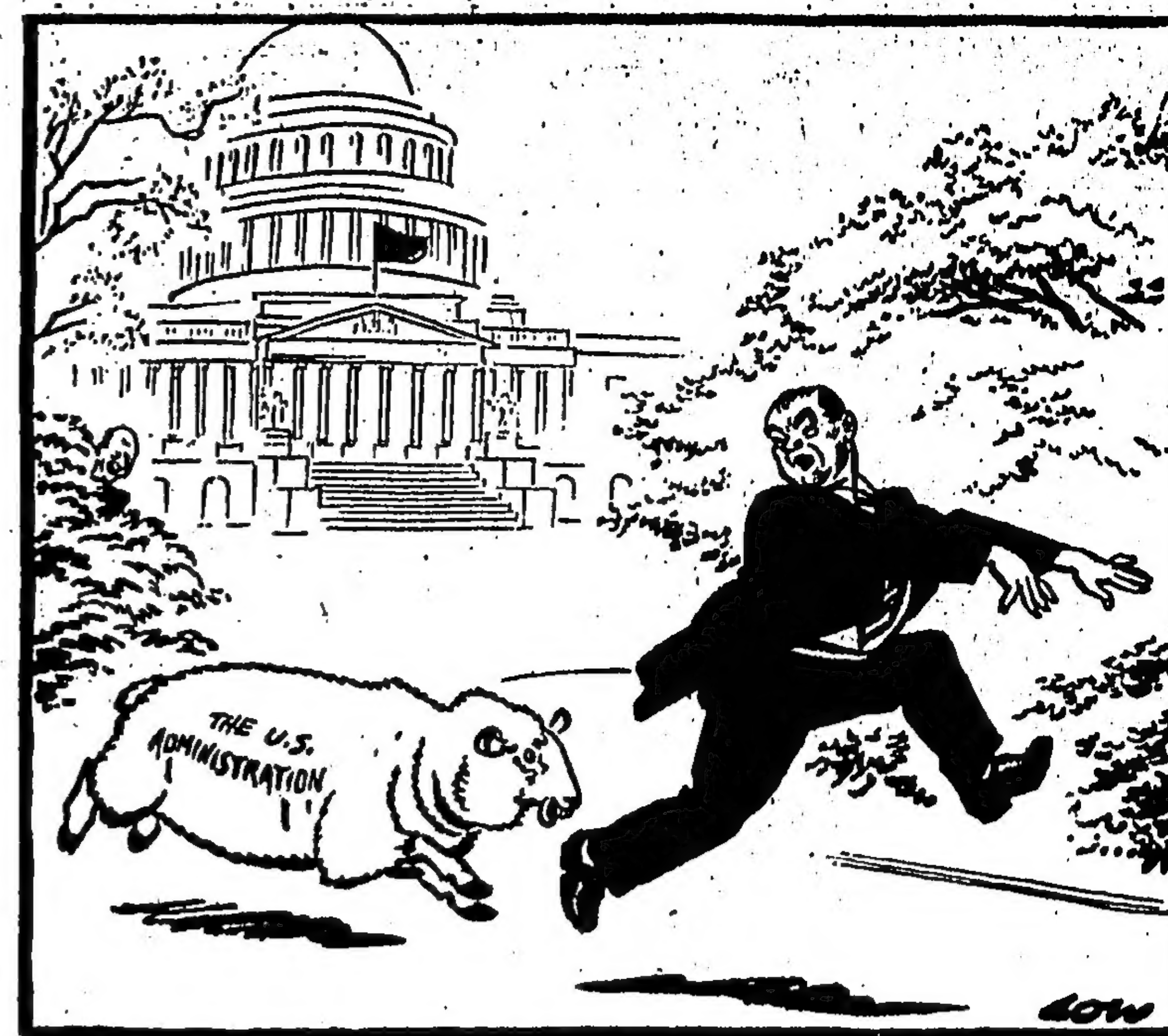
In that case I must be getting deaf, old man. I rather hoped this was going to be a friendly argument.

So did I, old man. But perhaps we'd better drop it, old man.

Good night, old man.

Good night old man.

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ON THE RUN

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On the 16,000-foot summit of El Palmo, holy mountain of ancient Incas, explorers have found the body of a 12-year-old girl carefully laid out on the altar before her god, probably more than 500 years ago. In this snow-bound fastness, she has been preserved throughout the centuries. The great Inca empire flourished for 1,000 years before it was shattered by Spain's lust for gold.

THE SILENT ANDES YIELD SECRETS

By LES ARMOUR

THE towering, snow-capped Andes are mute. They do not give up their secrets easily.

But, slowly and painfully over the years, archaeologists and historians have uncovered a fabulous story.

The story of the Incas — tough, ruthlessly efficient empire builders, whose territories once extended from the borders of modern Colombia, through Ecuador and Peru to the middle of Chile — contains material for a thousand novels.

Among them were skilled surgeons — men who could and did perform delicate brain operations which surgeons find difficult even today. Among them were road builders who thrust lines of communication through one of the most terrifying stretches of terrain in the world. Among them were craftsmen and architects whose work vies with that of ancient Greeks in precision and beauty.

Their rulers were geniuses in social organization. Throughout the empire, no one ever went hungry, no one was ever

out of work. Every inch of arable land was meticulously cultivated. For clothes, they bred and raised Alpacas, sheared their wool and wove it with skill into cloth no one would be ashamed to wear today.

The Incas, oddly, had no money. Government officials organized production, collected most of the grain and manufactured goods, and shared them out according to a master plan which covered the empire.

For themselves they built comfortable homes; for their gods, majestic stone temples.

Many of their cities were metropolises with carefully worked out plans. Cuzco, the capital and holy city, tucked into fertile mountain valley, was a centre of 50,000 when the Spaniards came. In planning and beauty, it made most of the European towns of the time look like shanty settlements.

The Emperor or Great Inca lived in modest but

comfortable quarters, with many of today's comforts, including baths with hot and cold running water.

Most of the empire's 16,000,000 citizens lived on the farms, but there were five or six cities big enough to rival Cuzco.

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Unfortunately, the seeds of the empire's destruction had been laid before the Spaniards came. It grew up 1,000 years before in a time of tribal warfare and chaos in the Andes. The warlike Incas moved north and south, gradually conquering their neighbours.

In many areas, the land was divided into three parts — one for the local inhabitants to raise food for their own needs; one where food to maintain the empire was raised; and one for the Sun god.

Local religions — with their gods personifying the natural elements — were subordinated to the Sun god of the Incas.

Roads connected the whole empire with the capital, and troops were stationed in stone fortresses in the outposts.

Gradually, control became more and more difficult. As the conquered tribes began to take on the civilisation of the Incas, regional rivalries inevitably developed.

And, as empire spread, communications became more difficult. The Incas had never developed a satisfactory method of writing (though they were well on the way to doing so) and orders, laws and records had to be passed by word of mouth.

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Traces of older and more primitive religions smouldered beneath the surface. To top it off, a bitter feud had developed among factions in the royal family in the years just before the conquest.

The Incas were no match for the Spaniards. They had no guns and no horses. More serious, they did not understand the Spaniards' ways. They were bewildered by the lust for gold which, to them, was merely pretty stuff for ornaments.

They naively took the Spaniards at their word only to be betrayed time and time again. And the Spaniards, who used a "parley" method of covering their tracks, tricked their holy allies, melted down tons of beautiful gold ornaments and committed murders and rape against the Incas, who put a price on the Spaniards' heads.

THE SIGNOR LIKES TO SCINTILLATE

By BERNARD RONALD

"DIAMONDS," sings Marilyn Monroe, "are a girl's best friend." But a man can also contrive to lend a brilliantly decorative touch to the contemporary scene by wearing the kind of "ice" that doesn't come out of a refrigerator.

So says the modern Roman; anyhow, as he parades along the pavements of the Eternal City, a scintillating figure with jewels on his fingers and bangles on his cuffs.

In this distant off-shoot of the far-famed Legionary of old despised on account of his peacock eccentricities? On the contrary. The Italian fashion writers describe him as "chic" and "refined" and "romantic."

In Italy a man must not be a colourless character. If he is to make a hit with the opposite sex, this is the universal rule. But very apparent in particular is in

the Eternal City of Rome, 1954 version.

Needles are fixed with a pearl-topped pin. Wrist-watches are draped with fancy chains bearing an assortment of gold or silver charms. Rings are worn of massive proportion, sometimes in plain gold, sometimes with a stone. Cuff-links must display a matching sparkle.

When the smart signor steps out, he puts a jeweller's polish on his personality. Not for him the fear of looking conspicuous; nor the belief that only women should adorn themselves and their attire with accessories.

Perfume Is Must

Perfume is also a "must" for the Roman man-about-town. Much favoured is a brand with a pine tree aroma. How many Italian men include scent in their toilet? At least eight in every ten. And do the signors approve of the masculine line invader into what most of us consider is a feminine field? Answer: "Yes."

Perfume is a popular choice with the girls for their Roman

birthday gifts. Nor is scent limited to the most stylishly dressed of the signors. Even the most rugged of the Roman boxers use it—both in and out of the ring.

They claim that it sharpens their senses in between rubber-legged rounds. Also, they point out, it eliminates the body odour of stripped-to-the-waist action, which after all, the paying customers are there to see and not specifically to smell.

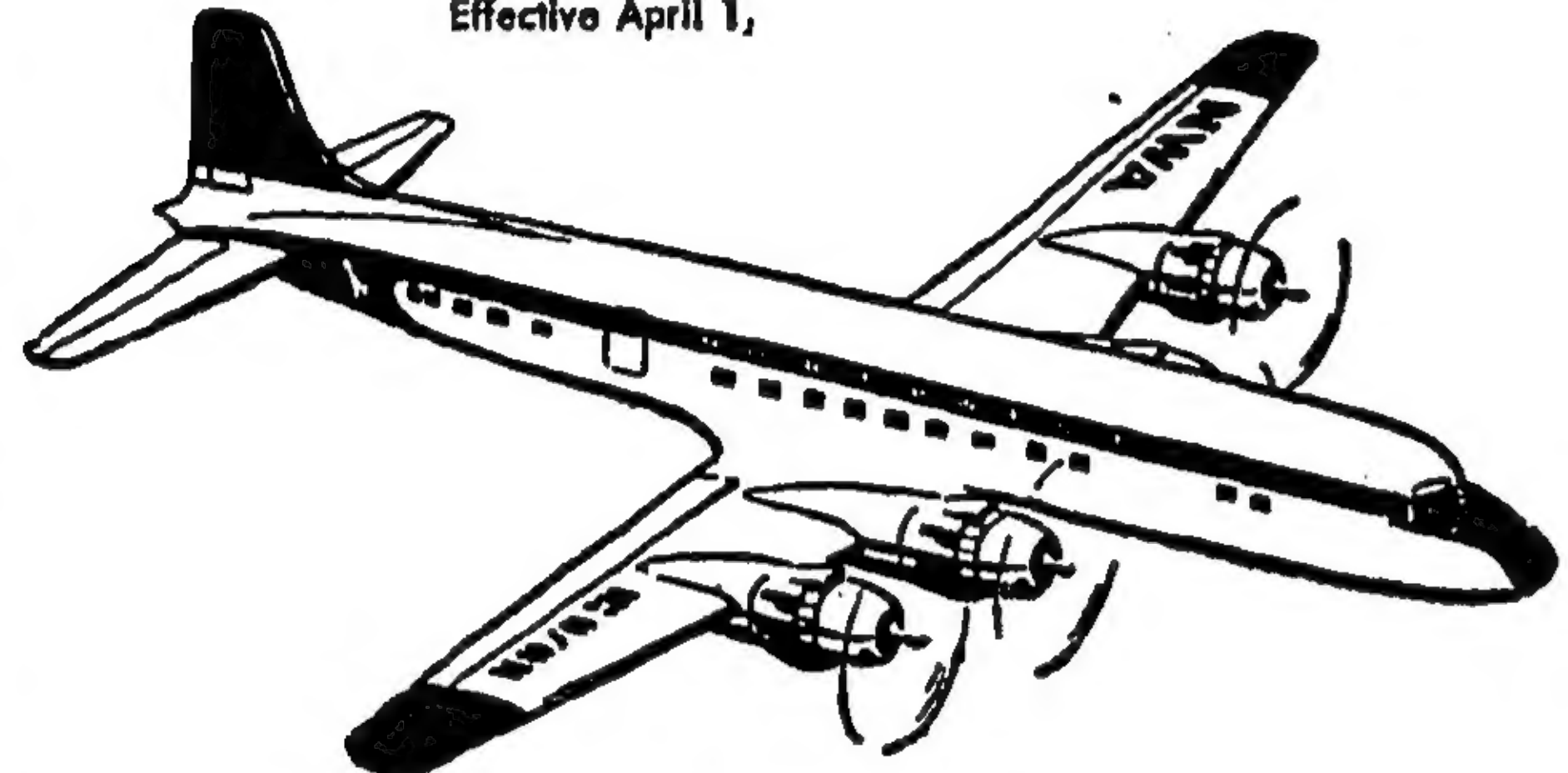
"Business is always good," the jewellers and perfumers in Rome tell me. "The Roman enjoys his visits to the scent counter. He likes to impress the shop girls that he is well-versed in the choice of the most recommended brands," one shopkeeper said.

"How is it in your country?" he asked me. "Well, it is rather different. Only the courageous come straight to the point and tell the girl they want perfume with a masculine tang. The others somehow get slightly embarrassed and point out they are buying it for a friend."

Really, he said, "What can you expect? It's a different

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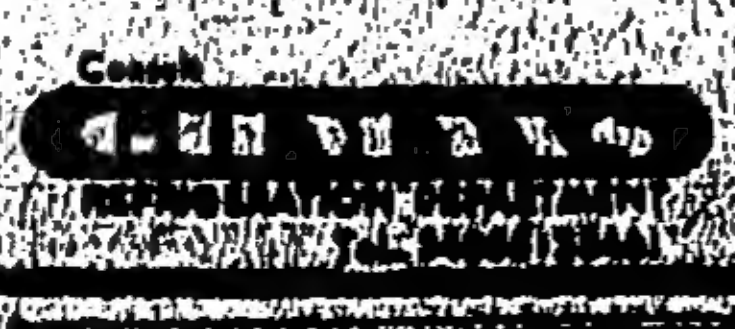
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bad Players Make Their Own Trouble

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE vital message that I want to convey today is that bad bridge players are not as successful as good bridge players.

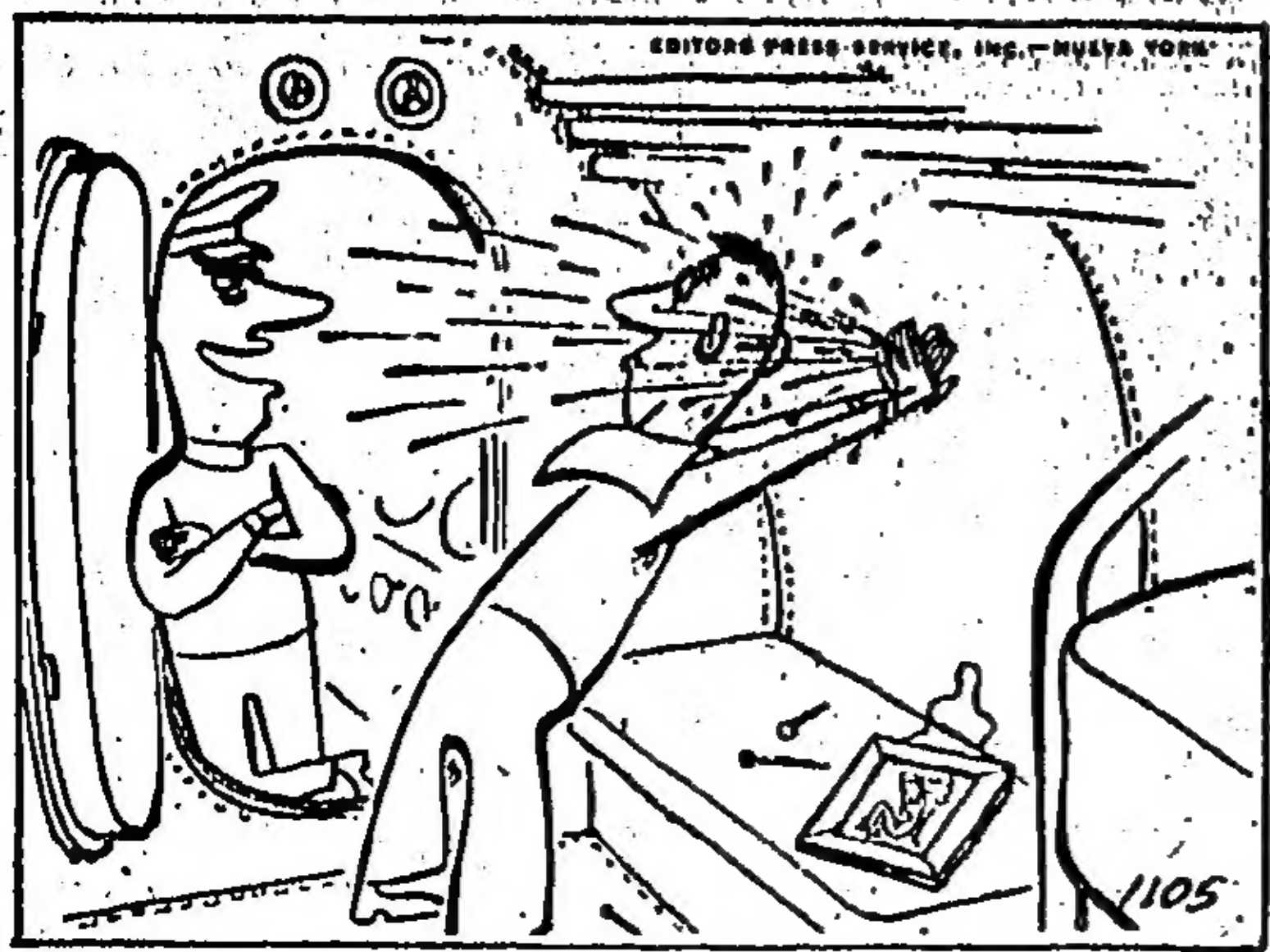
If this bit of news fails to startle you, I'll add something to the story. A bad player will often suffer in a hand in which he has done nothing wrong—simply because he is known to be a bad player. It's very sad, but it's the truth.

Take today's hand for example. West was known to be a bad player. In this hand he never made the wrong move, but he suffered just the same.

West opened the line of clubs. This was the best possible opening lead. With any other opening, South would have had the chance to explore. South would draw trumps, try out the spades, lead towards the hearts, and so on.

If everything else failed, South might eventually fall back on a club finesse. The club opening lead, however, forced South to make up his mind at once for or against the club finesse.

If West had been a good player, South would have been very much in doubt about the right play. An expert West



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ASKED by her father if she had seen C. Suet Esq. lately, Mimie said very primly, "We met by chance the other day and said good-morning."

"But Jove," said her father, mimicking her manner, "Whorl about it, C. Suet Esq. lately, actually? Good you cope, Lady Crampdown?" Mimie's mother intervened, "don't tease her, Fred," she said. "When I was courting you," said Mr. Slopeowner, "we didn't waste time like this. Do remember when I kissed you outside Wheeler and Pugh's water-louche?" "I will," said Mr. Slopeowner with a giggle. "I am not being teased," said Mimie. "We are just good friends." "Some-times," said her mother, "friendship blossoms into love. 'Shelley, for a fever!' cried Fred Slopeowner.

What are we doing?

A CHALLENGE to Everything for you, man, woman, child, or animal can afford to miss the gripping controversy which begins in this column. Monday's contest was won by Adela Bunch and R. J. Praxton. Their subject? What Are We Doing? With no punches pulled, and

there will be a summing-up by Mrs. Esther Spalding ("Greyhound") of the Wolverhampton Naturalists Weekly. Miss Bunch, vital petite, dancer, dynamic, and human, is known to millions as the girl who cycled through India in 1946. Mr. Spalding, balding, forthright, is the live wire in the West. A member of the Electrical Accessories, his integrity, awareness, and sense values have been highly praised by Durrell, Burn Gump, Scoutmaster Toff, and the ex-M'Boing of M'Gonkivawa.

Book notes

UNDER a new by-law tramps may no longer sleep and eat in Derby's public library. Readers have objected to bits of kipper found in Vol. III of Drayton's "Vegetable Kingdom" as a pillow. Will the British Museum Reading Room follow this lead and banish wayfarers? The rule at the London Library is that a tramp who is vouched for by a member may sleep one night on the premises, but must not cook a meal. Four linkers who recently mended saucers in a corner of the Bodleian turned out to be New College men, and were asked to leave.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

BORN today, you have exceptional talents, combined with a restlessness which may make it difficult for you to settle down to anything. You are always looking for the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. You are somewhere—if you can only find it! An optimistic outlook on life is a fine idea, but you must not let your search for future potentials make you too untidy to take advantage of what is right on your own doorstep.

You are moody and have a philosophical turn of mind. If things don't work out as you want them today, then tomorrow, you hope, may bring what you want. Learn to make an effort to do after what you want today, rather than sitting around waiting for something to turn up!

Cultivate a practical outlook, if you can. Your enjoyment of the arts, especially music, is exceptional. You probably have some talent in this direction as well, and it cultivated in early youth you might find music your happiest profession.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — A close acquaintance may need your help. Be eager and willing to do everything you can without being asked.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20) — Facts and figures tell the story today. Do not rumour and guess. Be very sure of where you are headed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Take a positive attitude on life even if it takes a little time. Your progress will be faster.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Bold, light to your budget. Extravagance now may mean you will forfeit something you want more, later on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Prorogation can be serious today. Get a necessary job done on time. It will pay real dividends.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Do not be possible misrepresentation of facts in an important matter. Avoid being deceived.

LINCOLN (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — A fine day really got moving and to complete jobs you have planned for quite a long time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — You can rise to new heights if you keep your goal clearly in mind. Don't let yourself be diverted from it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Don't let business matters get you depressed. Avoid emotional stress and play it safe today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 23) — Be very careful if making a new contract or closing a deal. Be sure to investigate thoroughly.

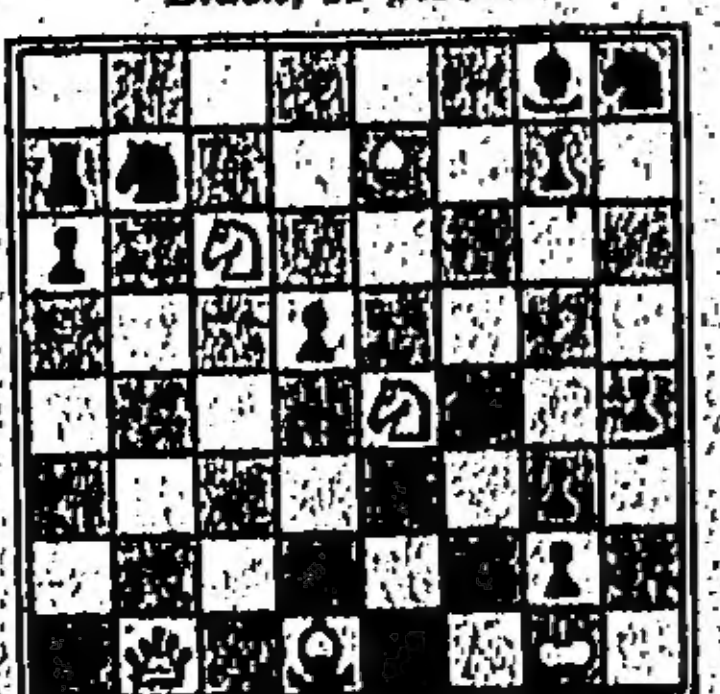
AQUARIUS (Jan. 24-Feb. 10) — If you work around machinery, be especially careful today. It could cause a serious accident.

PISCES (Feb. 11-Mar. 23) — If discouraged, study the life of someone who reached success and follow a good example of how it's done!

CHESS PROBLEM

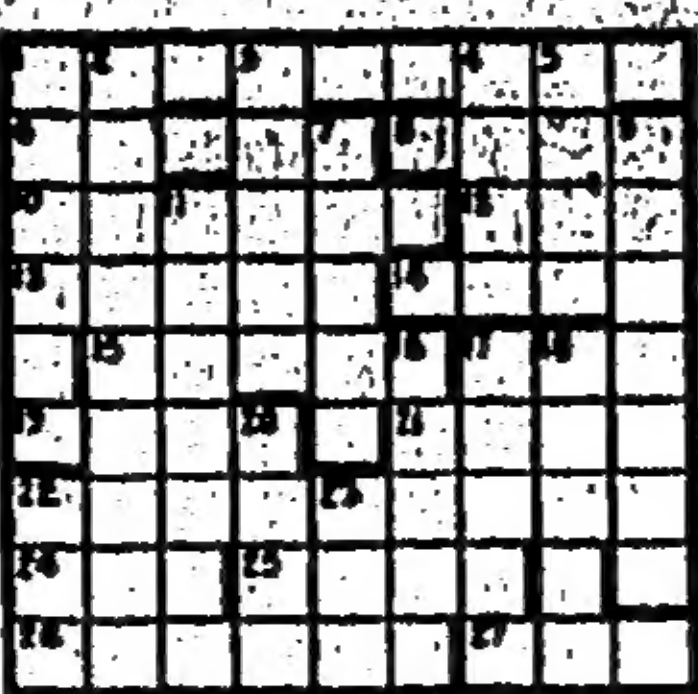
By J. J. RIETVELD

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
Solution: 1. Qc3, 2. Qd4, 3. Qe5.
1. R-Q3; 2. R-Q4; 3. R-Q5.
(Solution on Page 10)

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Does it grow on the monkey puzzle tree? (4)
2. Curses were round the pen. (5)
3. Sort of hills. (4)
10. Something returned at Beer? (4)
12. There's one to a Greek urn. (3)
14. Sounds like the last part of Aaron, but he'd be annoyed if you called him the first part. (4)
16. You may meet lots of people here. (5)
17. Traditional story partner for Alice. (3)
19. Dialect Attorney seems to have joined the navy. (4)
21. In between the North and the East. (4)
22. Gee, gangor it's a fruit. (3)
23. Fall without the little brother. (3)
25. "Decorations will be" is often on the tongue. (4)
26. It's a all over. (6)
27. Pore, no afterthought. (3)

Down
1. Daniel. (6)
2. It may be a song from Covent Garden. (5, 4)
3. There's a story suit. (5)
4. A gun sometimes marks this. (4)
5. Eastern language. (4)
6. Many people make a point of not leaving one unturned. (6)
7. Would you do this with sofas? (4)
8. Would the Type? (7)
9. Rolled out often during the war. (4)
10. Is your this, you've given way to 18 Down. (5)
11. Quickly it's you're playing on this. (6)
12. The end of the stranger—and how he died. (10)
20. Beginning and end of a new-age. (4)
22. "There's a hole in this some-where." (3)
23. Does it? neither. (3)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

DUMB BELLS

FOR US TO PUBLISH NOVELS THE AUTHOR MUST HAVE A WELL KNOWN NAME!



WOMANSENSE

Victorian Posy for Easter



Just in time for Easter is this charming, little hat with the Victorian posy nestled in its bow.
The tiny hat is in fancy white crinoline, criss-crossed by ruby red velvet strap-clasps which form a V at the back and hold the suspended posy at the front.
And, of course, it's called "Victorian Posy."

Meat Pie Spiced by Wine

New York. Economy meals can be given a company touch with the addition of wine.
This Devonshire beef pie is one example. To serve six you will need:

1½ pounds ground beef; 1 small onion, minced; 1 tablespoon bacon drippings or other fat; 3 tablespoons flour; ¼ cup burgundy or other red table wine; 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; salt and pepper to taste; 2 medium-sized potatoes; ½ cup chopped parsley; and pastry for a 2-crust (9-inch) pie.

Saute beef and onion in bacon drippings until meat is brown, stirring so that meat separates into small bits. Blend

in flour. Add wine and cook, stirring until mixture boils and thickens. Season with Worcestershire, salt and pepper, and remove from heat. Peel and grate potatoes, and add to meat mixture. Add parsley. Line a 9-inch pie plate with pastry and fill with the meat mixture. Put top crust in place, with several gashes in centre to permit steam to escape. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees) for 16 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350 degrees) and continue baking for 1 hour. Remove pie from oven and let stand 15 minutes before serving.—United Press.

Linda Christian taught me yoga

By Catherine Boyle

GROOMING is the essence of glamour. It is the foundation on which women must build if they really care what they look like. And the basis of all this is our state of mind.

None of us has too much free time, but we do have a few minutes every day which we can give to relaxing. By a few minutes I mean just THREE.

Linda Christian, Tyrone Power's wife who always lives at high speed, started me on Yoga relaxation. She put a small cushion under her head, and with a flick of her heels she was standing upside down against the wall.

JUST LET GO

Enthusiastically, I tried to follow what Linda was doing. I was neck and cracking my back, I decided I had taken up the position too late in life.

Here is a somewhat milder version of Yoga. Lie flat on the floor, with a cushion under your hips to raise them slightly, and put your legs up on a bed. Close your eyes, and just let yourself go.

Relaxing in this way will be quite an effort at first, but it will become something to look forward to. By the way, when you get up, do it gradually (even if the telephone rings), otherwise you'll feel giddy.

This exercise will be specially helpful if you spend most of the time on your feet. The blood, flowing in the opposite direction from normal, will activate the blood vessels in your face and ward off wrinkles.

NEVER TOO OLD

An elderly lady I know has the skin of a young girl. Her figure and vitality are outstanding. She assures me that she owes a lot of her prolonged youth to the fact that she has made a habit of this simple relaxing routine ever since she was 24 years old.

Never consider yourself either too young or too old to start. If you are still really young, you will have the way to a longer later life; if you are getting on, pick-me-up.

you can keep it waiting still longer.
So much for the state of mind. I give you now some beauty hints which have come my way, beginning at the top. Remember that, however thick and luxuriant your hair there is no need to Zuluize your appearance to show it off. Lovely hair is just as much in evidence if it is kept neat.

OIL SOAKS IN

Dry hair is my problem. I spend an evening a month, keeping it in check. The day before I have a wash and set I warm two tablespoons of olive oil and then with a piece of cotton wool, I spread it all over my hair, massaging the warm liquid well into the scalp.

After rubbing it well in for about five minutes I plunge a small Turkish towel into boiling water, wring it out strongly, and put it turbanwise on my head.

In effect, this steams the head pores open and lets the oil soak right in, taking in with it all the vitality and goodness that dry hair needs.

While you have the turban on, take the opportunity to massage your nails. The cuticles will be suitably softened by the massaging you were doing on your head (very good for the nails, that oil).

GREASY HAIR

When you have finished, put on a rubber bath cap, tie another towel (dry this time) round the lot, and go to sleep. After your set next day you will be surprised at the improvement.

For greasy hair, there are the usual dry shampoos, but if you are blonde, and in a hurry for a date, sprinkle your favourite brand of talcum powder over it. Lavishly, mind.

Don't rub it in. Leave it on for about five minutes, then bend over the bath and brush your hair vigorously, to get the rest of the talc out.

Your hair will be much more manageable in spite of the if you are still really young, you will have the way to a longer later life; if you are getting on, pick-me-up.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Breakfast With Punch and Judy

—Everybody Had Something Different to Eat—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned - about name, walked into the room, just as Mr. Punch, his wife Judy, and the Policeman were getting ready to sit down to breakfast.

"Come in! Come in!" said Judy in a delighted voice.

"You're just in time for breakfast!" said Mr. Punch.

Plenty of Food
The Policeman said: "I hope you're hungry, Knarf, because there's going to be plenty of good food to eat."

Knarf sat down. "Here, tuck this under your chin," said Mr. Punch, as he handed Knarf a large, white napkin.

"Now," said Judy, "we always start our breakfast with orange juice. Will you have some, Knarf?"

"Yes, thank you," said Knarf.

Judy poured him a large glass of orange juice.

"If you don't mind," said Mr. Punch, "I'd rather have prune juice."

"And I'd rather have tomato juice," said the Policeman.

So Judy poured Mr. Punch a glass of prune juice and poured the Policeman a glass of tomato juice, and poured herself a glass of pineapple juice, because that's what she liked best.

After Knarf and Mr. Punch and the Policeman and Judy had drunk their orange juice, prune juice, tomato juice and pineapple juice, they all wiped their lips with their napkins.

The Next Course

Then Judy said: "Now we'll have eggs. How do you like your eggs, dear, and how many do you want?"

So Judy made two soft-boiled eggs for Knarf, three scrambled eggs for Mr. Punch, four poached eggs for the Policeman and an omelette with one egg in it for herself.

"Now what about bread?" said Judy.

"I'd like white bread, please," answered Knarf.

"Whole wheat bread for me, if you please," said Mr. Punch.

"Be so kind as to give me raisin bread," said the Policeman.

So Judy served white bread for Knarf, whole wheat bread for Mr. Punch, raisin bread for the Policeman, and took a slice of rye bread for herself.

"And what about cereal?" Judy asked Knarf. "I have oatmeal, wheat cereal, rice and hominy."

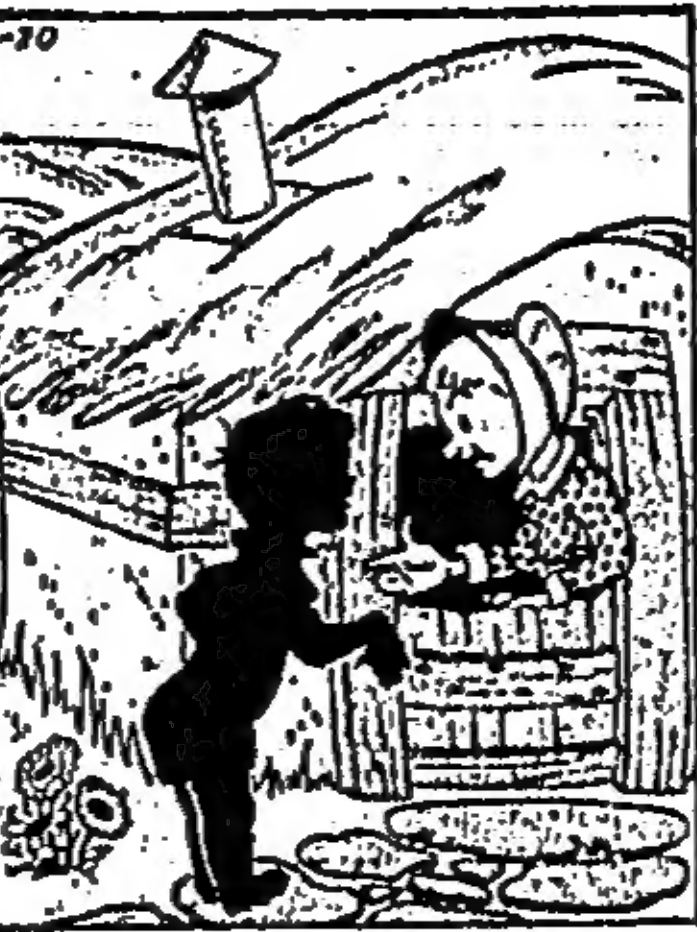
"I'll take oatmeal," said Knarf.

"I'll have cold pease porridge," said Mr. Punch.

"I'll have tapioca and cinnamon," said the Policeman.

Then Judy served oatmeal to Knarf, cold pease porridge to Mr. Punch, tapioca and cinnamon to the Policeman and for herself, she took a large bowl of groats and sweet cream.

And for the end of their breakfast, Knarf had muffins and milk, Mr. Punch had crumpets and tea, the Policeman had doughnuts



"Come in!" said Judy to Knarf.

and coffee, and Judy had popovers and hot chocolate.

"You must come again for breakfast, dear," Judy said to Knarf, as he untucked the napkin from under his chin and stood up to go. "We have breakfast here every morning. It's no trouble at all."

"Hardly any," said Mr. Punch.

"Practically none," said the Policeman. "Dinner and supper are a little trouble, but breakfast is as simple as A B C."

Knarf thanked them all very much but he walked away wondering whether breakfast wouldn't have been more simple if Mr. Punch and Judy and the Policeman had all eaten the same things.

Rupert and the Black Spark—15



Seeing the boy's smile, Rupert knew what he was going to do. Sure enough, the black spark was annoyed at being thus outwitted, and it turned round and went back to its hole.

Then Rupert went to his room and wrote a letter to his mother, telling her all about the black spark and how he had outwitted it.

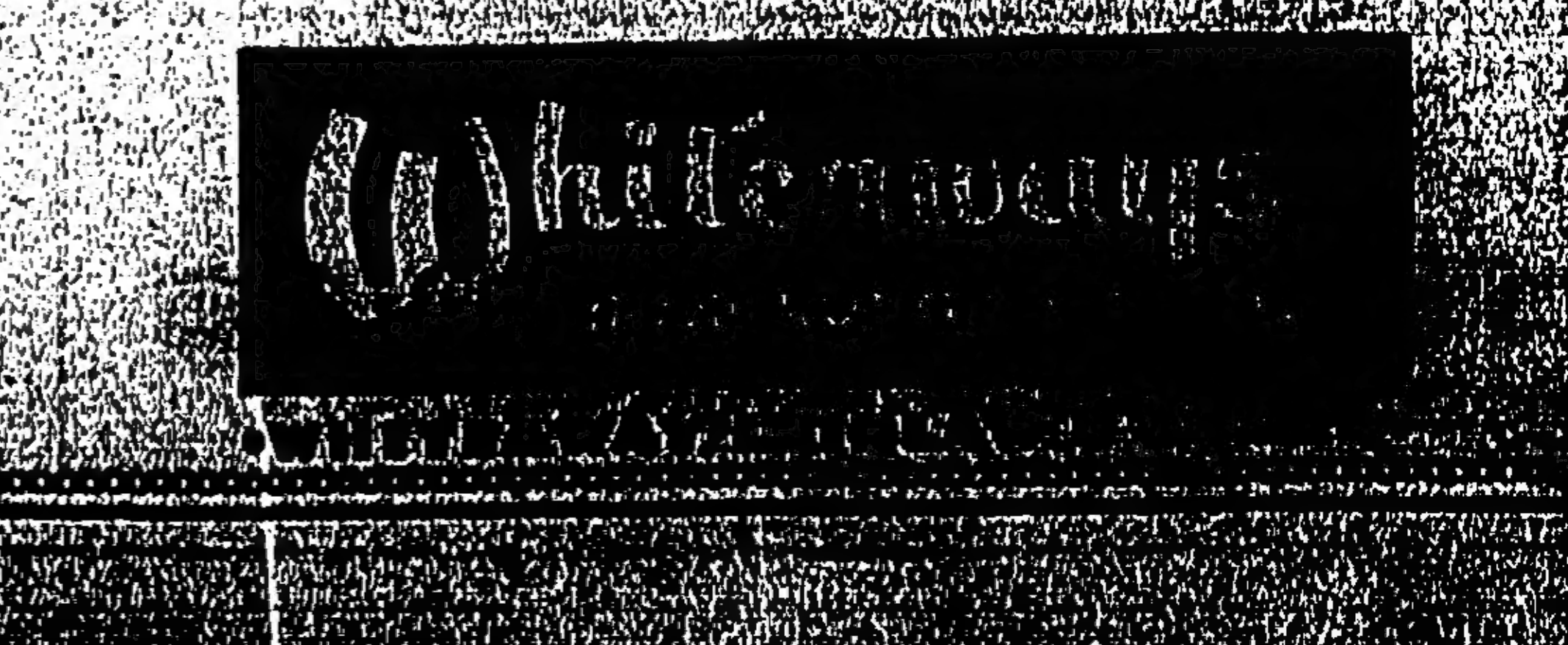
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NEAR ONE FOR STOLLMMEYER



A swift return by Lock (foreground) and the usually imperturbable Jeff Stollmeyer, the West Indies skipper, dives for his crease — an incident during the West Indies' mammoth innings against the MCC at Trinidad.—Central Press Photos.

George Digby Seeks Double No. 2

By JAMES ARK

Before the turn of the century a small boy of 12 was called on to make a momentous decision. He was the youngest music-hall artist in the country, but, being a Cockney, he hankered after a life with horses rather than the footlights.

Was he to remain on the stage or enter a racing stable? The prospect of wearing a silk jacket astride a racehorse proved the stronger, and the boy entered the stable of W. T. Robinson at Foxhill.

He has no reason to regret the choice as he had a long and successful career as a jockey in France and Egypt, and now, back in England, he is hoping to saddle his fourth Ascot Gold Cup winner this year.

To win the Gold Cup for the second year in succession with the same horse would be nothing new for Newmarket trainer George Digby, the music-hall prodigy of the 90's. He accomplished the feat with Invincible in 1928-29 for the late Mr Reid Walker.

LAST STRIDE

The interest is more personal this year as Soupeul is owned and trained by Digby. Last year Soupeul won the Gold Cup in the last stride. The camera had again to be consulted after the Goodwood Cup, with a similar result. Finally, in the Doncaster Cup, the camera could not divide Soupeul and Nick in Rocen.

Digby gives much of the credit to Charles Elliott, whose brilliant timing was responsible for Soupeul's unbeaten record in the Cup races of 1953.

"Elliott is just about the best jockey I have ever seen," says Digby, "and I've seen them all in the last 60 years. He will make just as good a trainer."

Now Digby is wondering who can replace Elliott this year. It was not anticipated that Soupeul would be in training this

year. An attempt was made to syndicate him as a stallion but his worth was not appreciated in this country. So Soupeul is back in training and looking better than ever.

NICE BLOOM

What a kind horse he is! Now a six-year-old his mind is still on racing. He is as quiet as an old sheep in the stable and is ideal to train as he does what is asked without fuss.

I have never seen Soupeul look so well or robust as he does today. He carries a nice bloom on his coat and I feel safe in saying he will be as good as ever this season.

Premotion and company will find it no easy matter to overcome Soupeul in that last testing uphill stretch in the Gold Cup at Ascot.

Soupeul will have at least one outing before then. He may run in a mile and a quarter race at Sandown or in the mile and a half Burwell Stakes at Newmarket.

Football League Managers Only Want More Say In Selection Of Internationals

London, Mar. 30.

Few English Football League managers appear to favour any radical change in the method of international selection. They, themselves, simply want more say.

This is one of the conclusions that may be drawn from the conference of managers called by the Football Association to discuss means of improving English football standards.

They did not seek to replace the present England selection committee, nor was the position of Mr Walter Winterbottom, England's team manager, called into doubt.

Their main recommendations — to be considered by the Football Association International Committee at an early date — were for an advisory panel of managers to assist the FA in international preparations, and for further managers' meetings in the regions.

It can be assumed that the panel would comprise men of practical experience able to offer constructive and far-reaching advice. The names of Jimmy Seed (Charlton), Vic Buckingham (West Bromwich Albion), Tom Whittaker (Aston Villa) and Ralph Carter (Leeds United) spring to mind.

The cynic may recollect that the FA once enrolled a Technical Advisory Committee of managers for a very similar purpose.

Thus, while Mr Arthur Drewry, the Football League President, who acted as Chairman of the conference, declared that it had been "most important and beneficial to English football," some may prefer to reserve opinion.

BASIC PROBLEM

The basic problem has still to be tackled. Which comes first — the selection of players or the improvement of the standard of the game? The FA has been

Technical Advisory Committee can help to find the solution — or a compromise.

At the conference, short shift was given to a proposal that 15 star players be released for club commitments for a year in order to form an international side. The proposer suggested that clubs received £2,000 sterling compensation for each player.

Even at today's inflated values, £20,000 sterling seems a high price for the FA to pay for England's international prestige, bearing in mind that the players chosen might not blend. It is surely possible for England players to benefit from pre-match training together without the FA being saddled with such a huge financial responsibility.

The conference appears to have achieved most in its discussion on improvements to the general standard of football. Several prominent managers discussed on the necessity for catching footballers at an early age and teaching them the art and skills of the game. Professional clubs could do much for local youth, it was emphasised.

If the more backward managers have learned from the words and examples of others, and make a serious attempt to encourage youngsters on their own territory, a very real purpose will have been served.

WEST INDIES DISMISSED FOR 139 IN THE FIFTH TEST AT KINGSTON

Kingston, Mar. 30.

England made a great start in the fifth and final Test here today, dismissing the West Indies for 139 — the lowest score of the series — and then making 17 for no loss before the drawing of stumps.

Trevor Bailey was the most successful bowler, claiming seven wickets for 34 runs — his best Test performance.

The pitch was slow but the ball lifted at times and the humidity made it swing.

John Holt was out to the fifth ball of the innings, well taken by Tony Lock at short square leg off Trevor Bailey.

Bailey struck again with the fifth ball of his third over, an inswinger which Everton Weekes touched but which took his off stump out of the ground.

Soon afterwards Jeff Stollmeyer tried to slash Bailey through cover but snicked the ball into Godfrey Evans' hands behind the wicket.

Two balls later Freddie Trueman got Frank Worrell on a defensive stroke which sent the ball in the air. John Wardle took the catch well at short fine leg.

Dennis Atkinson, who had two escapes when he had scored seven, played out with

Clyde Walcott to lunch, when the West Indies were 38 for four. In his opening spell of eight overs Bailey took three for 11 and Trueman had one for 12 in six overs.

Shortly after lunch Bailey dismissed Atkinson, making half the side out for 65.

After Gomez was caught, Walcott and McWatt added 32 before Walcott was caught by Laker off Lock.

One run later rain stopped play and tea was taken during the break, which lasted 45 minutes.

When play was resumed Bailey had McWatt splendidly caught at short fine leg by Lock in his first over, and 18 runs later bowled King.

Trueman finished the innings, getting Ramadhin leg before. England, left with 35 minutes to bat, played out time without loss, scoring 17 runs.

Eight Divisions In This Year's Tennis League

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association held at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday, it was decided to have eight divisions in the Tennis League this season. The League will start on May 3 and entries will have to be sent in by April 15.

There will be four divisions in the men's league, two in the ladies' league and two in the mixed doubles league.

The Meeting also passed a resolution for the amendment of Regulation and Rules No. 4 (a) which read: "The Affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers of the Association, i.e. President, the Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer, and of five of the other members."

IMPORT A COACH? During the Meeting Mr E. M. Pereira of the Craigengower Cricket Club brought up the question of improving the standard of tennis in the Colony. He suggested that the Association should import a coach of international repute to teach Hongkong players.

In reply Lt. Col. H. Owen-Hughes, President of the Association, said that the finances of the Association would not be able to pay the cost of importing a coach. He said that the best thing that could be done was for individual clubs to try and improve the standard of their young players themselves.

The Police Recreation Club was represented for the first time at the Meeting by Mr C. G. Marsh.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Lt. Col. H. Owen-Hughes (President); Mr Daniel Chen (Vice-President); Mr G. A. Noronha (Hon. Treasurer); Mr Ho Kau-lun (Hon. Secretary); Messrs E. E. Story, E. T. Gasano, A. W. Augustad, E. T. Gasano, J. W. Leonard (members of the Executive Committee); Mrs J. Scholes, the Hon. M. W. Lo, Messrs J. D. Mackie, Ip Koon-hung and E. M. Pereira (Interpret Selection Committee).

TURPIN OUTPOINTS BENGTTSSON

London, Mar. 31. Randolph Turpin, British and Empire Middleweight Champion, outpointed Olle Bengtsson, the Swedish title holder, over ten rounds at Earl's Court here last night.

It was a dull mauling bout and many of the 18,000 spectators booed when Turpin was announced as the winner.

He was timing badly. His blows were short and they had lost their former sting. Turpin was handicapped by a bad gush over the left eye sustained in a clash of heads in the fourth round. He was also conceding height and reach to the lanky Swedish Champion, who has hitherto been undefeated.

The only knockdown was in the fourth round when Turpin sent Bengtsson to the boards for a count of eight with a fierce right to the side of the head. The Swede recovered well and in the eighth round landed his only really telling blow when he caught Turpin with a vicious left to Turpin's left eye, which began to spout blood.

Turpin looked a little groggy, but he weathered the storm. Bengtsson was warned several times for continual holding and also for allegedly using his head.

Recreio Greens Open On Saturday

The bowling greens of the Club de Recreio will be open for play on Saturday, April 3, when it is expected that the usual large number of enthusiasts will foregather to welcome the in-coming season.

Bowlers intending to participate in the 1954 League are urged to sign the usual lists as early as possible.



LEAGUE BADMINTON

Recreio Win Men's "C" Division Championship

By "ARGONAUT"

Club de Recreio yesterday annexed the Men's "C" Doubles Division Badminton League title when they defeated King's College Old Boys' Association in the inter-section final at Craigengower by six sets to three.

The match produced some good badminton with the youthful Recreio squad dominating in powerful aggressive play. The King's College Old Boys made up for their lack of speed with a fine defensive game but cracked up when they tried to go for the points.

The two Recreio combinations of Albert da Rosa and Basilio Xavier and Roy Remedios and Robert Nunes, who together won all Recreio's six sets, played an outstanding game throughout.

They gave Recreio an early lead when Rosa and Xavier accounted for S. P. Chan and K. B. Hul by 21-11 and Remedios and Nunes edged out K. L. Hul and P. H. Lau 21-13. Erratic play by Lionel Gutierrez and Daniel Castro cost them their set against the steady combination of P. C. Chau and K. F. Fung.

Recreio, however, forged ahead to 4-1 with two successive wins by their first two pairs. Veteran S. P. Chan and schoolboy player K. B. Hul made a grand effort to stem the tide by taking their set against Gutierrez and Castro to reduce their side's deficit to 2-4.

The champions made sure of the issue in the next set as Rosa and Xavier went to a 17-0 lead against K. F. Fung and P. C. Chau and eventually clinched the set and match at 21-5.

THE SCORES

Albert da Rosa & Basilio Xavier (Recreio) beat S. P. Chan & K. B. Hul 21-11; beat K. L. Hul & P. H. Lau 21-13; beat K. F. Fung & P. C. Chau 21-5.

Roy Remedios & Robert Nunes (Recreio) beat Chan & Hul 23-21; beat Hul & Lau 21-13; beat Fung & Chau 21-6.

Lionel Gutierrez & Daniel Castro (Recreio) lost to Chan & Hul 18-21; lost to Hul & Lau 14-21; lost to Fung & Chau 12-21.

Team — Merrick (Birmingham), Stanforth (Huddersfield), Byrne (Manchester), Wright (Wolverhampton), Clarks (Tottenham), Dickenson (Portsmouth), Finney (Preston North End), Broadis (Newcastle), Allen (West Bromwich), Nicholls (West Bromwich), Mullins (Wolverhampton), Reuter.

KBGC ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are reminded that the Annual General Meeting takes place at 6 p.m. this evening.

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Cockell Makes The Best Of His Weight Advantage To Outpoint LaStarza

London, Mar. 30.

Don Cockell, British Heavyweight Champion, outpointed Roland LaStarza, fourth ranking heavyweight from New York, in their 10-round fight tonight at Earl's Court arena before a capacity crowd of 18,000.

Cockell, who weighed 211 pounds, had a 21½-pound weight advantage over the 189½-pound American. The Briton was a decided underdog in early wagering, but went into the ring at even-money and made those odds look just about right as he made the best of his weight advantage and cleverly switched his attack between LaStarza's head and body.

Entries For The 10th Race Meeting

The Tenth Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club over two days, will be held at Happy Valley on April 10 and 17. The programme will consist of 22 races, the main event of which is the Sassoon Challenge Cup over 1½ miles.

All classes, including 1954 subs, will be represented, and fields in general are average, with both long and short distances well balanced in the programme.

The feature event is, of course, the Sassoon Challenge Cup which will be run over the Champions distance by Class 1 ponies. With the exception of Avicmore, Iping, Johnnie, Knock Down and Skymaster, all the others in this class have been entered.

This will be the sixth race of the second day—April 17. Immediately following the main event, the St George's Plate will see the cream of the 1954 subs compete over one mile.

The following are the entries:

FIRST DAY
April 10
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SUNDAY, APRIL 4

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 Japan, 8 p.m.
 Formosa, 8 p.m.
 Philippines, 8 p.m.
 Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 p.m.
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MONDAY, APRIL 5

By Air:
 Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
 Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 6

By Air:
 Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, 10 a.m.
 Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.
 Japan, 8 p.m.
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Coming Up For Air

ALFRED, with his great domed forehead, might be one of the world's great thinkers. The effect, it is true, is somewhat spoiled by the great walrus moustache he wears, but when he speaks, it is with the slow, booming deliberation of one who picks his words and puts a price upon the wisdom they contain.

In Whitechapel High Street the other evening a plainclothes policeman watched Alfred as he stood, still as a piece of statuary, outside a cafe.

Each time a customer came or went Alfred, a man of few words, boomed the few words he had chosen for use that night, in the customer's direction.

"Got a spare coin?" said Alfred to each. "Got a spare coin?"

I'M DOING NO TAPPING

A COLOURED man gave him a copper, a number of others, coloured and white, ignored his eloquent appeal. When the watching policeman considered he had seen enough, he went to Alfred and said, "I am arresting you for begging."

Alfred slowly turned on the officer, regarded him through narrowed, supercilious eyes. "Begging?" he said. "I'm doing no tapping" young man, I happen to be on my way to the library."

"Come along," the policeman said.

In due course, at the Old Street court, Alfred in a voice that made you think of the Queen Mary's lurch, pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the policeman told Mr Leslie Marks, the magistrate, what he had seen.

'LIES, ALL LIES'

"ANY QUESTIONS?" the magistrate asked Alfred, when the policeman's story was done.

"Yes," said Alfred. "It is all lies. Lies all of it."

"Any more questions?" "No, but I have a statement," and ponderously, for he is a heavily built man, he made his way to the witness box and solemnly repeated the words of the oath after the ushers.

"What is your work?" the learned clerk asked him.

"I was last an able seaman," said Alfred, and somehow made that occupation seem so cloistered that he might have been saying, "I was last an arch-druid."

BACK TO THE TUNNEL

"WELL, what do you want to say about this offence?"

"I had just jumped off a bus," said Alfred. "I had come from the Blackwall tunnel, and was under the impression it was Friday. However, I read in the paper that it was Saturday, so I thought I had better go back to where I had come from."

Labour Motion Against Further H-Bomb Tests

London, Mar. 31. About 100 Labour members of Parliament signed a motion last night demanding that the Government take steps to prevent the explosion of more hydrogen bombs.

The motion, put forward by Labour member Ellis Smith, proposed the "outlawry" of atomic weapons and said Britain, America, Russia, France and Communist China should submit proposals on the future of atomic control and the gradual reduction of armament expenditure.

Mr Ellis Smith drafted his motion shortly after Sir Winston Churchill's statement in the House of Commons on the United States H-bomb experiments in the Pacific.

The Prime Minister's announcement left the Socialists still worried about the effects of the Bikini blasts. Mr Philip Noel Baker, former Commonwealth Relations Secretary and a prominent questioner of Sir Winston Churchill on the United States Bikini explosions, told Reuters later: "I think the

Prime Minister's statement was most disappointing because it implied that there was no purpose in pursuing preparatory negotiations for general disarmament under international control in the United Nations Commission, until conditions of confidence between nations have first been established. This ignores the fact that the arms race is in itself the major cause of tension."

Mr Aneurin Bevan, leader of the Labour Party's left-wing, said the Prime Minister had given the impression to the country that he had made investigations and that the United States Administration had refused to give him any information.

"PEOPLE SHOCKED"

"Whilst it is perfectly correct that the United States Government is forbidden by its own laws to disclose any of the secrets of the H-bomb or atom bomb it does not seem to be equally prevented from disclosing to the British Government all the measures it proposes to take to circumscribe the limits of the explosion and any safety precautions it might be contemplating."

"In these circumstances the British people are shocked to think that a series of explosions is to take place throughout April and that the United States Administration does not see fit to let the world know of the precautions it is taking."

"The United States must realise also that the Pacific is not American territory. Do we understand that the American point of view now is that anybody can drop H-bombs in the Pacific provided it gives notice beforehand?"

"The fact that apply also to the 'Fat Man' Mr Bevan asked. —Reuters.

MINERS' RESOLUTION

Stafford, Mar. 30. Delegates representing 34,000 miners today calling for a resolution today calling for united action by "all peoples in all lands" to prevent further production of hydrogen bombs.

The resolution, put to an area conference of the National Union of Mineworkers here, viewed "with horror" the reports of hydrogen bombs being exploded.

It called for "immediate and urgent action of all people, irrespective of race, colour or creed, to prevent the mass destruction of civilisation."

The resolution also urged action through the United Nations Organisation, which should ask all countries possessing the bomb formulae to lay it before a United Nations conference.

In London the National Assembly of Women said Sir Winston Churchill was completely out of touch with the feelings of Britons. In saying "it would not be right to ask the United States to drop hydrogen bombs," the Prime Minister had not spoken for the people of Britain.

The National Assembly made up of various women's organisations, issued a statement declaring that all atomic weapons and the hydrogen bomb must be banned.

"The five Big Powers must come together without delay to reach an international agreement to end this danger to the world," the statement said. —Reuters.

PARADE CONFERENCE

Washington, Mar. 31. President Eisenhower is expected to face a volley of fresh questions on the hydrogen bomb at his press conference here today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You'll be able to use the phone in a few minutes—she just glanced this way to see how we're getting along with the dishes!"

12 More Criminal Appeals Dismissed

Twelve criminal appeals — all of them against severity of sentence — were dismissed by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, at Supreme Court this morning. Mr John Hobley appeared for the Crown in all the cases.

One of the appellants was an ex-Policeman, Chow Yim, who appealed against a two-year sentence with hard labour for demanding wages and possession of arms and ammunition. Chow was a Policeman at the time of the offence, but during his three years had gained a good record, and told the Judge that he received his 63 good conduct allowances at the end of every month.

Chow pleaded that if he was kept in prison for a long time the many "bad characters" whom he had arrested during his three years in the force, would have a chance to wreak their vengeance on him. In addition, he said, he might be mixed with bad characters, become one himself. He had heavy family responsibilities, and he asked the Judge to grant him leniency on the grounds of his youth.

"STOMACH DISEASE"

Several of the appellants had been convicted of larceny from females — bag-snatching, pick-pocketing, etc. One of these, Ho Kan, asked that his sentence of eight months and six strokes be reduced as he "suffered from a stomach disease". Another, To Lin, asked for a reduction of his seven-month and six strokes sentence as he had been "bitten by Chinese Communists" when he was banished to Communist China.

A third, Chung Chi-ming, with the same sentence, said he had a family to support and he feared that if he served such a long sentence he would not be able to find them again.

Lee Chung, given 12 months' hard labour and 12 strokes for a similar offence, pleaded his age (52) and service rendered during the Japanese occupation. Wong Ping, given nine months and 12 strokes, also said he had suffered grievously at the hands of the Japanese.

Given two years' and six months for shopbreaking and larceny, Wong Kam objected to his sentence on the ground that the other man who committed the crime, with him had been given only one year. He had two previous convictions.

BOYCLE THIEVES

Three bicycle thieves, Tang Yat-hung, Ma Tui-chung and Ng Boi-yuk, convicted and given sentences of 3½, 3 years for theft of bicycles and about 15 others offences, pleaded for leniency and unconditional release on the ground of their youth.

The defendant was sent back to Hongkong on the same ship and was released on arrival here. It was found that he had also assumed the name of the defendant.

TRADE DEPRESSION HITS CINEMA'S BOX OFFICE

Profits Decrease By \$20,000

The general depression in trade and the many new theatres showing second run films at lower admission charges were listed as the chief reasons for the slump in Box Office receipts for 1953 by Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Ltd., at the company's annual meeting this morning.

Perverse conditions caused a decrease in profit of about \$20,000. The figure for 1953 being \$382,477 as compared with a profit of \$405,714 for 1952.

Sir Shouson added that the decrease was small considering the deteriorating conditions in 1953 which were far worse than those of the preceding year.

Addressing shareholders, the Chairman said in part: "You will no doubt recall that in my report for the year 1952 I alluded to the difficulties to be expected in 1953. These difficulties were even worse than anticipated. I wish to ask you to take cognizance of the general depression of trade condition in Hongkong. This has had a pervasive effect on our public life."

Shareholders present were: Messrs. Chang Kwai-yau, Y. Shi-chung, Y. Chi-wong, Lo Po-lun, Chang Kwai-ping, Chang Yick-hon, Ko Fook-chuen and Mrs Kwok Ng-shan.

MURDER TRIAL

Amah Gives Evidence

The trial of three men and an amah, charged with the murder of a 60-year-old woman, was resumed at Victoria District Court before Judge Reece, this morning after a discussion on a point of law, with the absence of the jury.

After the jury had returned, defence counsel Mr. C. W. Cheung, put the third accused, Lung Fong, in the witness box. She denied that she had told the police in a statement that she had opened the door to let the other accused into the premises where the alleged incident took place.

She told the Court that on the day of the robbery her master and mistress had gone out and the two eldest children had gone to school. While she was holding the youngest child of one year and listening to the wireless her old mistress called to see her. She said she could not remember the exact time.

Later, while she was preparing food for a meal, she turned round and saw two men standing in the doorway of the kitchen. She asked them what they were doing and they told her to keep quiet.

In the hand of one of the men who she now knew to be Kam Yun-chuen she saw a fruit knife. He threatened her and told her to keep quiet.

He then dragged her and another amah, Wong Yee, to a room at the rear of the house and tied Fong up with a strap used for carrying the baby.

The case is continuing.

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